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## EVERY HOUSEHOLD TO LEND SUPPORT TO FOOD ECONOMY

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Wilson in a statement issued Monday urged every home and public eating place in the United States to pledge its support to the food administration and to comply with its requests. His speech marked the inauguration of family enrollment week, during which everybody in the country will be asked to become a member of the food administration to insure nation-wide co-operation in food conservation.

The president said that in no other way can the nation accomplish its object in the war. The statement follows:

"The chief part of the burden of finding food supplies for the peoples associated with us in war falls for the present upon the American people, and the drain on supplies on such a scale necessarily affects the prices of our necessities of life."

"Our country, however, is blessed with an abundance of foodstuffs, and if our people will economize in their use of food, providently confining themselves to the quantities required for the maintenance of health and strength; if they well eliminate waste; and if they will make use of those commodities of which we have a surplus and thus free for export a larger proportion of those requested by the world now dependent upon us, we shall not only be able to accomplish our obligations to them, but we shall obtain and establish reasonable prices at home."

"To provide an adequate supply of food both for our own soldiers on the other side of the seas and for the civil population and the armies of the allies, is one of our first and foremost obligations; for if we are to maintain their constancy in this struggle for the independence of all the nations we must first maintain their health and strength. The solution of our food problems is therefore dependent upon the individual service of every man, woman and child in the United States."

"The great voluntary effort in this direction which has been initiated and organized by the food administration under my direction offers an opportunity of service in the war which is open to every individual, and by which every individual may serve both his own people and the peoples of the world."

"We can not accomplish our objects in this great war without sacrifice and devotion, and in no direction can that sacrifice and devotion be shown more than by each home and public eating place in the country pledging its support to its food administration and complying with its request."

(Signature) "WOODROW WILSON."

### WILL PLAY HEREFORD FRIDAY.

The Clovis High School boys have another game of football scheduled for Friday afternoon, Nov. 2. The game is with Hereford this time and it promises to be an interesting one. Clovis played Hereford a few weeks ago and beat that team badly but the Hereford team is stronger now and the game Friday, so the boys say will be a hot one. The game will be held on the athletic field and will be called at 3:45.

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### Lyceum Theatre

Wholesome Entertainment for the Citizen, His Wife, His Child and His Friend.

#### PROGRAM

Saturday, Nov. 3—Ethel Clayton, in "Shall We Forgive Her?" World Feature. Five Acts.

Monday, Nov. 5—"Oriental Love," Keystone Comedy, two acts. Pathe News—Two reel Vitagraph Drama Comedy.

Tuesday, Nov. 6—Vitagraph Feature. Title Announced Later.

Wednesday, Nov. 7—"Rasputin, the Black Monk." World Special, Eight Parts.

Friday, Nov. 9—"Seven Pearls," "Fatal Ring." Pathe News. Comedy.

Saturday, Nov. 10—Wm. S. Hart in "The Narrow Trail," Aircraft Feature.

#### PROS. MUST GO TO POLLS.

A strong effort is being made by the Curry County Prohibition forces to see that every voter goes to the polls next Tuesday and casts his vote on the statewide prohibition question. New Mexico will land in the dry column if the pros do their duty. Other prohibition counties will have to "go some" if they roll up a bigger dry vote than Curry does.

### LOCAL FARM LOAN ASSNS. GETTING MONEY

More money than some people think is being loaned by the government and banks. A. J. Rodes is chairman of the local farm loan association and he informed the News man this week that considerable loan money is being placed through the local organization now. Mr. Rodes says the biggest trouble is getting all the details worked out and the abstracts properly prepared to suit the officials of the land bank, but that once this is properly and satisfactorily worked out it is not so hard to get the money. He says that in the neighborhood of \$10,000 has been placed through the Clovis farm loan association alone.

#### SOON BE READY.

Manager Lester Stone of the Clovis Mill and Elevator Co. says the new flour mill will soon be ready for business. When everything is completed this is going to be one of the best equipped mills in the country. It is expected that the first flour will be made in about ten days.

### VOTING PLACES FOR TUESDAY'S ELECTION

On Tuesday, Nov. 6th an election will be held to vote on three proposed amendments. These amendments are of vital interest to the public. Following are the voting places in the several precincts in the county:

Precinct No. 1, Clovis, N. M. at Elks Auditorium.

Precinct No. 2, Texico, N. M. at Triplet's Store.

Precinct No. 3, Blacktower, N. M. at the Church Bldg.

Precinct No. 4, St. Vrain, N. M. at the Store Building.

Precinct No. 5, Melrose, N. M. at Denby's Office.

Precinct No. 6, Field, N. M. at Calaway's residence.

Precinct No. 7, Grady, N. M. at Smithson's office.

Precinct No. 8, Hollie, N. M. at Dagle's store.

Precinct No. 9, Clovis, N. M. at Baker Bros. office.

Precinct No. 10, Cloud, N. M. at Kelly's store.

Precinct No. 11, Bellview, N. M. at Jordan's Store Bldg.

Precinct No. 12, Cameron, N. M. at Boney School House.

Precinct No. 13, Lincoln, N. M. at Shiloh School House.

Mrs. L. Garvin and daughter from fifteen miles northwest were in Clovis Wednesday, shopping.

#### EARLY WINTER WEATHER.

The government gauge at Barry Hardware Co. registered three degrees above zero Sunday night and six degrees above zero Monday night. This is exceptionally cold weather for this early in the winter. It is not uncommon to have a cold spell during October in this section but it is much out of the ordinary for the temperature to go so low.

This growth of agriculture and the advance of the livestock industry due to increased feed production, is re-

### MEATLESS-WHEATLESS MEALS FOR CLOVIS

Clovis and Curry County are right with Mr. Hoover on his food conservation plans. This week a thorough campaign is being made to induce Curry County Housewives to sign the Hoover pledge to have two meatless days a week and one wheatless meal a day. Ralph C. Ely, State Food Administrator, has delegated County Superintendent Bleckley to look after the work of getting these pledges in this county, and Mr. Bleckley has directed the superintendents of the different schools in the county to assist him in the work by getting the cooperation of the school pupils.

Superintendent Bowyer of the Clovis public schools had a number of patriotic boys and girls visit Clovis homes Wednesday afternoon of this week. These boys and girls explained the food saving idea to Clovis housewives and succeeded in getting over four hundred pledges to the campaign for meatless and wheatless meals.

#### THE CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CLOSED WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The Christian Revival meeting closed Wednesday night. This has been a most successful meeting and has resulted in much good for the community. W. E. Harlow is a forceful speaker and his sermons have proved interesting and uplifting. The music by Miss Davis has been an especially interesting feature of the revival.

The new building of the Quick Service Garage is nearing completion. Work has been delayed somewhat on account of material being hard to get.

Dr. J. B. Westerfield is building an addition to his home and remodeling it completely.

### THREE CENTS POSTAGE AFTER NOVEMBER 2

The postmaster desires to call the attention of every person that uses the mails to the new rates of postage effective November 2, 1917.

Letters will be three cents for every ounce or fraction thereof, and every letter will be returned to the writer if the proper postage is not placed on such letter. Everybody can readily see the delay there will be to their mail unless this new letter rate is properly observed.

The exception to the three cent rate on first class mail is postal cards, on which the rate is two cents; if you have any old style postal cards bearing the one cent impression, it will be necessary to attach a one cent stamp.

The other exception to the three cent rate is on letters which are mailed at the local office. The rate on such letters will remain the same as it has been, that is, two cents. This will enable the business man to mail his statements and handle his correspondence with patrons receiving mail at the local office, without any increase of postage.

It is suggested that in any event where the new rates are not fully understood, that inquiry be made at the postoffice, so that there can be no delay to your mail.

#### MRS. LINDSEY SPOKE

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Mrs. W. E. Lindsey spoke at the Presbyterian Church last Friday evening to an attentive audience. Mrs. Lindsey's talk dealt with food conservation and made a strong plea for statewide prohibition, dealing with the subject on a moral as well as from a conservation standpoint. Mrs. Lindsey is a forceful speaker and Clovis people are always delighted to hear her talk.

Curry county is quickly developing into one of the leading agricultural and livestock countries in New Mexico. This is due to the fertile virgin soil, equable climate, long growing season, progressive people, and excellent transportation facilities over the Santa Fe railway. Everything adapted to the temperate zone from winter wheat, corn, grains and forage to garden truck grows in Curry county.

The growth has been striking. Only a few official figures need here be given to illustrate this. The assessed valuation in 1917 is \$10,398,945.00 as against \$9,617,005.00 in 1916, an increase of \$881,940.00 while in 1912 the valuation was \$2,298,376.00. In 1917 the tax rolls show 27,071 head of cattle as against 18,610 head in 1914, while back in 1912 there were only about 5,000 head. In 1917 there are on the tax rolls 6,845 head of horses and mules as against 4,339 head in 1914, an increase of 2,524 head. Other live stock has increased in the same proportion. According to a farm census taken in September of this year by the county agricultural agent for Curry county, there are 5,341 milk cows and 7,779 hogs.

Back in 1908 barely five per cent of the total area was under cultivation, while now fully fifty percent of the patented land is under the plow. The farm census in September showed 118,305 acres under actual cultivation of which 35,129 acres was in winter wheat; 21,746 acres planted to kafir; 26,065 acres in milo; 8,612 in sweet sorghum; 8,963 acres in Indian corn; 3,895 acres in broom corn; 4,982 acres in beans; and lesser areas in rye, sudan, feterita, and other crops.

The winter wheat acreage, seeded this fall, is the largest ever sown in Curry county, it being estimated at over 100,000 acres. Nearly a hundred tractors have been in use this fall, preparing land for wheat. Moisture conditions were favorable and the outlook for a good crop is very promising. Kafir and milo are also good money crops.

W. F. Braswell has sold his farm south of town to C. C. Baker. Mr. Braswell has purchased land in Central Oklahoma, and plans to move there.

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### MANY NEW WAR TAXES START AT THIS TIME

Washington, Oct. 31—This is the last day of grace from many new war taxes.

With the exception of increased letter rates and tobacco taxes which go into effect Friday, the special stamp taxes on documents, legal instruments and parcel post packages which go into operation December 1, all special taxes began to apply at midnight Wednesday. They include:

One cent on each dime paid for amusement admissions.

Three per cent on payments for freight transportation.

Eight per cent on passenger fares.

Ten per cent on payments for Pullman and similar accommodations.

Five per cent on oil pipe line transportation.

One cent for each 20 cents or fraction paid for express packages.

Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing fifteen cents or more.

Various taxes on cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and products.

Ten per cent on club dues.

Eight cents on each \$100 of new life insurance and one cent on each dollar of fire, marine, casualty and other insurance policies.

Although the tobacco taxes do not become operative until Friday many dealers have already advanced prices in anticipation of the tax levies. Other taxes of the new law, including those on hard and soft drinks, incomes and war excess profits, have been in effect since the law was approved October 3, but it is indirect form.

On December 1, the new stamp taxes including those on parcel post packages, will be payable, putting the entire law into complete operation, except for increased rates on second class mail postponed until July 1, next.

Increases in first class mail rates probably will be most generally felt by the people. The law provides that the postage on letters, except "drop" or local letters, shall be 3 cents; and on post cards, including private mailing cards, shall be one cent more than heretofore. This increase includes so-called picture postcards. The advances were made effective thirty days after passage of the law, and are construed by the Post Office Department to begin with letters and post cards postmarked Nov. 2.

For consumer's convenience, books of postage stamps containing 3-cent stamps are in readiness for sale and the Department has had printed thousands of 2-cent post cards. First class mail postmarked tomorrow or any time prior to 12:01 a. m. Nov. 2, regardless of time of delivery will be transmitted at the old rate but that postmarked thereafter must pay the increased toll.

Amusement admission taxes become effective tomorrow at places charging more than 10 cents. They are 1 cent for each ten cents or fraction paid for such admission, payable by the person admitted but collected by the proprietor from the amusement proprietor, required to make sworn returns to the treasury.

A flat tax of 1 cent for each child under 12 admitted when children are charged also is provided. Passes also are taxed, except those to bona fide employees, municipal officers and children under 12 at the regular rate, which also extended to cabarets or other entertainment in which the admission is included in the price paid for refreshment, merchandise or service. Persons leasing theatre boxes must pay ten per cent on their rental.

The new rates on cigars range from 25¢ to 87¢ per thousand and on cigarettes from 80 cents to \$1.20 per thousand. Five cents a pound is the new tax on tobacco, snuff and other manufactured tobacco, while cigarette papers are taxed from ½ cent to 1 cent per hundred. As the taxes are now reaching the ultimate consumer, the raises mean about 1 cent more on five cent tobacco packages, from 2 to 5 cents on cigarette packages and from 1 to 10 cents on cigars.

The taxes on freight and passenger transportation are also extended to motor vehicle competitors of steam

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and electric railways and water lines. The passenger transportation tax is not applicable to fares costing 35 cents or less or commutation or season tickets for trips less than thirty miles. Payments for services rendered the federal and state governments are exempt from taxation.

The ten per cent tax on Pullman accommodations is applicable to payments for seats, berths and staterooms in parlor and sleeping cars or on vessels.

The 5-cent tax on telegraph, telephone or radio messages costing 15 cents or more applies only to those originating in the United States.

Cards whose dues are less than \$12 a year and fees to lodges are exempt from the 10 per cent tax on club dues.

The new insurance taxes are imposed on new policies issued with reinsurance policies exempted. Industrial or weekly payment policies are taxed forty per cent on the first premium on policies for \$500 or less.

### W. H. DUCKWORTH IS NOW A BENEDICT

Mr. W. H. Duckworth and Miss Mabel Salmon were married on Monday of this week. The ceremony took place at 7:30 a. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mandell and was performed by Rev. J. T. Redmon of the Methodist Church. The wedding was a quiet affair with no guests present except Mr. and Mrs. Mandell and the parents of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shannon of Carlsbad. She lived in Clovis before moving to Carlsbad and has numbers of friends in this city.

The groom is the general proprietor of the Southwestern Drug Co. and is numbered among the most progressive business men in Clovis, and as good a husband as he is a successful business man the bride will never have reason to regret her choice.

The News takes pleasure in congratulating the newly wedded couple and wishes for them scores of years of happiness and prosperity that they deserve.

#### TAILOR SHOP SOLD.

R. E. Sanders who recently moved here from Redding, Calif., has purchased the tailoring business of B. S. Whiteley. Mr. Sanders took charge of the business this week.

#### CURRY COUNTY DID HER BIT.

The Second Liberty Loan drive is over and the \$5,000,00